

## REFUSED TO BE PRESIDENT

Politicians Who Declined to Become Chief Executive.

Silas Wright, a New York Senator, Refused Both Presidency and Vice Presidency in 1844. The Cases of Washington and Jefferson.

Every now and then somebody rises to remark oracularly that no man ever declined the presidency of the United States. This is a mistake. It is well known that two presidents, Washington and Jefferson, refused to be candidates for a third term, but it is probably not so well known that two American statesmen of great ability and famous in their day actually refused the presidency itself. And this, too, when it was within their reach, and not, as in the case of Mr. Whitney and some others who would put away the crown, a mere possibility.

In 1844 Martin Van Buren was the popular Democratic candidate for the nomination of that year. He was not altogether acceptable to the south because of his known opposition to the annexation of Texas, but when the Democratic convention assembled at Baltimore in May it was found that Van Buren had a clear majority of the delegation over all other candidates. But the two-thirds rule, which even then had become a Democratic tradition, having first been adopted in 1832, doomed him to defeat, and the politicians cast around for an available candidate in Van Buren's place.

They at once pitched upon Silas Wright, a senator from New York, who was himself an ardent supporter of Van Buren. If Senator Wright had said the word, or had even been silent, he could have had the nomination, but he utterly and absolutely refused to permit his name to go before the convention. In writing to a friend who was a member of the convention he said, "If it were proper I could tell you, with the most perfect truth, that I have never been vain enough to dream of the office of president in connection with my own name, and were not Mr. Van Buren the candidate of our state I should find just as little difficulty as I now do in telling you that I am not and cannot, under any circumstances, be a candidate before your convention for that office."

This letter, read to the convention, was final, and the next thing done was to nominate James K. Polk. Then, in spite of every protest, Wright was nominated for the vice presidency. This honor he peremptorily declined, and the national committee placed George M. Dallas' name on the ticket instead of his. History records that Polk and Dallas were elected, as Wright would undoubtedly have been had he suffered his name to have been used by the convention. In fact, Wright elected the ticket, for he resigned his seat in the senate for the express purpose of accepting the nomination for the governorship of New York, canvassed that state most thoroughly and carried it for himself and the national ticket. So here we have the example of a man—and he was a very great man—who refused both the presidency and the vice presidency.

Almost a similar state of affairs occurred in 1852. General Cass, it will be remembered, had been defeated by General Taylor in 1848, and he was the most prominent candidate for the Democratic nomination in 1852. In the convention, however, he could not command the two-thirds vote, and the managers commenced to cast about for an available substitute. The Virginians set their eyes on Daniel S. Dickinson of New York, at that time a senator, as Wright had been before him. On the thirty-fourth ballot the Virginia delegation cast their votes for Dickinson, and he, being a member of the convention, at once arose and in a strain of eloquence seldom heard on such an occasion forbade the use of his name. He had come there, he said, instructed to vote for General Cass and to procure his nomination, and no temptation could induce him to depart from that course.

His splendid self-abnegation did not secure the nomination of General Cass, for on the next ballot the Virginians voted for Franklin Pierce and he was nominated. A few months later he was elected by an overwhelming vote, carrying all the states but four. There are moral lessons for statesmen in these historic instances and much food for reflection. Curiously enough, both these self-denying men were New York politicians.—Chicago Times-Herald.

**Miniature Tower of Babel.**  
The Smithsonian institution is preparing a miniature model of the Tower of Babel for the exposition of Atlanta. It will be in all respects, so far as possible, a faithful reproduction of the famous original. The latter was the greatest of the many magnificent temples of Babylon, being 140 feet high. That does not seem much, compared with the Washington monument, but people in those days were not accustomed to tall structures, and the ancient capital of Assyria was situated in the midst of a vast plain, where there were no natural elevations to serve for comparison.—Washington Star.

**Then He Waited.**  
In the course of a thunderstorm at Elyria, O., the residence of Alexander McCullough was struck, and a huge ball of fire came down the chimney. A young man seated at the piano singing "Wait Till the Clouds Roll By" was rendered insensible by the shock.—Cleveland Leader.

## Negro, Doctor, Cluder, Dollar.

A negro of Athens, Ga., got a cinder in his ear a few days since, and it gave him a great deal of trouble. He went to a doctor and asked him to cure his ear, which was badly swollen. The doctor charged him \$1, and the negro agreed to pay it. The doctor took the cinder out in a jiffy, and the negro refused to pay him, saying he hadn't done enough to him to warrant the charge. The doctor put him back in the chair and put the cinder back in his ear. The negro paid him the dollar before he got the cinder out again.—Savannah News.

**Hopes to Revolutionize Transportation.**  
R. F. Channell, a Cambridgeport (Mass.) shipbuilder, has invented something which, if it will do all he expects it to do, ought to revolutionize all transportation methods. It is not exactly a steamboat, neither is it a locomotive, and yet it partakes of the properties of each. He says that it will go equally well on the land or in the water, and that it will have a speed of 100 miles an hour on the land and 75 miles an hour in the water. The boat is like an ordinary steamboat, except that it has very large wheels. In a boat 75 feet long they would be 25 feet in diameter. The wheels come down to a level with the keel, and on this are placed a series of ball wheels, on which the vessel runs when on land. Mr. Channell's argument is that there are 75 feet on the circumference of each of these 25 foot wheels. If they can be made to revolve at a speed of 100 times a minute—and he does not doubt that they can—why, there is a speed of 7,500 feet a minute, and any one can figure out that that is more than 75 miles an hour. In order to turn a corner Mr. Channell says all that is necessary would be to stop one of the wheels. Mr. Channell thinks that with a fleet of such boats the United States "could lick the world."—Boston Traveller.

**An Inhuman Custom Dying Out.**  
The Society for the Protection of Birds of England is rejoicing that at last a reaction has come against the universal use of birds' feathers on hats and bonnets. When the London season opened in May, every woman wore a graceful spray of soft, fine plumes, with drooping or curly tips. These birds of paradise feathers were in quantities at every milliner's. Mixed in the same spray were delicate osprey tips, which had long been in fashion. During the season one warehouse of the many engaged in the traffic disposed of 60,000 dozens of these mixed sprays. They are now disappearing, but perhaps because it is announced that the supply of birds is almost exhausted.—New York Sun.

**The Motorman's Car Was His Hearse.**  
The remains of Motorman Robert Senram were conveyed yesterday to their last resting place in Mountain View cemetery by the trolley car of the Grove street line, which he had operated since the road was opened for business. The car was draped with crepe and was laden with many floral tributes from employees of the road, who were present at the funeral in large numbers. The car moved in advance of the cortege and was rolled up to the gates of the cemetery.—San Francisco Chronicle.

**Arbitration to Be Tried.**  
With the passage of the arbitration act and the naming of the arbitration board by Governor Altgeld a new chapter of the industrial history of Illinois will open. Just what that chapter is to contain no economist or student of labor troubles can foretell. The experiment of arbitration—as applied through the law—is attended with circumstances which often render its results doubtful. Its success is largely dependent upon the wisdom of the authorities who administer it.—Chicago Record.

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Regulating the Speed of Bicycles and Requiring Lights on Same.

WHEREAS, The lives and limbs of the citizens of the City of Norfolk are being endangered and placed in jeopardy on account of the careless and reckless riding of bicycles through the streets; therefore, be it ordained by the Common and First—No person shall ride a bicycle or tricycle through any of the streets of the city at a rate faster than eight miles an hour.

Second—No person shall ride a bicycle or tricycle through the streets of said city in the night time without a lighted lamp or lamp attached to the front of same, so as to give full warning, and no person shall ride a bicycle or tricycle through the streets of the city at any time, unless there is attached to the same a bell or gong, or other signal which shall be sounded upon approaching corner of the street or person.

Third—No person shall ride a bicycle at any time upon any of the sidewalks of the said city.

Fourth—Any person violating this ordinance or any section thereof shall be fined not less than \$1 nor more than \$50, at the discretion of the Police Justice of the said city, one-half of said penalty going to the informer upon the recovery of same.

Fifth—This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

Adopted by the Common Council, August 6, 1895.

JOHN L. ROPER, President Common Council.

JAS. L. WINSTON, President Select Council.

**Upholster and Mattress Manufacturer.**

W. K. ALLEN will resume business at 165 CHURCH STREET, ON MONDAY, August 6th, 1895, for the conduct of the Upholstering and Mattress business, and will be pleased to serve the public. Hair Mattresses made over for \$2. former price \$3.50. New Tick furnished for \$3.50; former price \$5. Orders by postal will receive prompt attention.

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# AUCTION SALES—FUTURE DAY

By H. C. Hoggard & Co., Real Estate Auctioneers. TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE BERKLEY PROPERTY.

By virtue of five several deeds of trust from Mary C. Billorey, the wife of B. C. Billorey, and said B. C. Billorey, dated respectively August 14th, 1889, November 4th, 1891, September 13th, 1892, September 20th, 1893, and October 12th, 1893, and each duly recorded in the Clerk's office of the County Court of Norfolk county, Va., and at the request of the party in each of said several deeds secure, default having been made in the payment of the several debts in each of said several deeds secured, we the undersigned, Trustees, will sell at public auction, at the Norfolk Real Estate Exchange, Norfolk, Va., on

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14th, 1895, AT 12 M.

the following property, to-wit:  
1st. LOT, with the buildings thereon, 29 feet by 100 feet, on the east side of Chestnut street, in the said town of Berkley, Va., bounded on the south by the property now or formerly belonging to Charles E. Wicks, and on the north by the property now or formerly belonging to F. H. Hunter, and running back 29 feet on the east side of Chestnut street, and running back parallel lines 100 feet in width, and has upon it a frame house with nine rooms and is covered by a metal roof. It is in good repair and well constructed.  
2d. LOT lying on the eastern side of Mulberry street, in the city of Norfolk, between a West Wall and Middleton streets, fronting on said Mulberry street 107 feet, and bounded on the north by the property now or formerly belonging to John A. Morgan, and bounded on the south by the property now or formerly belonging to Sarah E. Bessie, and running back 107 feet on the east side of Mulberry street, between lines parallel, or nearly so, to the lot is unimproved.

TERMS—One-third cash, and the balance in two equal installments, evidenced by notes after their date and bearing interest from said date; said unpaid balances of purchase money to be secured by deeds of trust upon property for which given, to be drawn and recorded at expense of purchaser. Purchasers to have the option to pay the entire purchase money for any purchase in cash.

GEORGE W. GILBERT, M. GLINNAN, W. W. VICAR, Trustees.

By H. L. Page & Co., Real Estate Auctioneers, No. 16 Bank street.

**Trustee's Sale of Valuable Lambert's Point Lots at Auction**

By virtue of a deed of trust dated June 23, 1893, and duly of record to me as trustee, from E. C. McCulloch and wife, McCulloch, his wife, I hereby give notice that on

Monday, August 19th, 12 m.,

at Norfolk Real Estate Exchange, the following property will be sold at auction:

ALL THREE FOUR CERTAIN LOTS, situated in the Norfolk Terminal Company, at Lambert's Point, adjoining the Norfolk and Western railroad, described as lots No. 1, 2, 3 and 24 in block "M" on Second street, between Nineteen and Breck streets. Size of lots, 50x150 feet each. This property is located near the extension of the Norfolk City Electric Road, and will enhance in value from present prospects very much.

TERMS: One-half cash, balance six and twelve months, secured by notes bearing 6 per cent interest and deed of trust on sale.

G. S. WING, Trustee.

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